GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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REJECTION OF RICE BY IRAN
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) the names of countries to which rice is being exported from India;

(b) the estimated quantum of rice being exported to these countries annually; (

(c) whether Iran and some other countries have returned the rice exported to those countries from India due to its poor quality; (

(d) if so, the details thereof, country-wise; (

(e) the estimated loss of foreign exchange to the Government and exporters respectively as a result thereof; and (

(f) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b): The total quantity and value of exports of rice (both basmati and non-basmati rice) during the last 3 years is as under:-

Qty: in MT
Value : Rs. Crores

Year	Basmati rice		Non Basmati rice	
	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
1998-99	597793	1876.91	4365888	4403.85
1999-2000	638382	1780.34	1257793	1345.58
2000-01(P)	848919	2141.94	683194	784.16
Apr.-May,2001(P)	110960	340.08	79983	84.03

(Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta)

Country-wise details of exports are given in the monthly/annual numbers of Foreign Trade Statistics of India published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, Copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d) to (f) : Do not arise.